

Department of Water Resources Delta Flood Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery Program

Summary: The Department of Water Resources is currently developing the Delta Flood Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery Plan. DWR staff will provide to the Council an update of plan development status, schedule, background, and relevance to the Delta Plan. DWR staff will also brief the Council on how this plan will interact with other emergency planning agencies within the State and federal system.

Background

DWR has implemented the Delta Flood Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Program to improve its preparedness, response, and recovery operations in the Delta. The Delta Flood Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Program is being developed as an element under the Emergency Response functional area of FloodSAFE California. The Program's purpose is to improve DWR's preparedness for, response to, and recovery from levee failure events in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The Program consists of three components: 1) development of DWR's Delta response and recovery plan, 2) coordination of DWR's plan with other Delta flood emergency response agencies, and 3) design and implementation of flood emergency response facilities within the Delta. The FloodSAFE initiative is a comprehensive strategy to improve public safety through integrated flood management.

As part of this program, DWR is in the process of developing a specific plan which will guide its actions in the event of a Delta flood emergency. This plan will also relate to activities of the Delta Stewardship Council, as the Delta Reform Act mandates within Section 85020(g) of the Water Code that it is the policy of the State to "Reduce risks to people, property, and state interests in the Delta by effective emergency preparedness, appropriate land uses, and investments in flood protection."

List of Attachments

Attachment 1: Delta Flood Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Program – An Overview, June 2011

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